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1. The organization of the shipyard plant was as follows in Wonsan:

- a. Manager: HAN Ho-yon (韓 浩彦), member of the North Korean Labor Party (NKLP) and manager of the yard since 1948. Former managers were KIM Yong-ha (金永夏) from 1945 until December 1946, and CHONG Kuk-mo (鄭 侯模) from December 1946 until January 1948.
- b. Departments: Administrative, planning, financial, shipbuilding, labor, and production.
- c. Employees: 110 office workers, including technicians, and 1,300 laborers.
- d. Buildings: 27 buildings were divided among two yard areas, with a total of 28,290 square meters of floor space. Yard space was about 71,000 square meters.

2. When World War II ended, the Japanese had 20 half-constructed ships at the Wonsan shipyards. In October 1946 a contract was made between the yard and the Soviet navy to complete those ships by May 1947, and about 4,000,000 North Korean won was advanced by the Soviets for this purpose. The ships were to be as follows:

12 wooden cargo ships	150 tons each	Total tonnage: 1,800
8 wooden tugs	80 tons each	Total tonnage: 640

3. However, by May 1947 the contract was not completed, and after the delivery of seven of the cargo ships and five of the tugs, Captain Kaptulenko (?), the Soviet contractor, canceled the remainder of the order. It had been impossible to complete the ships because of a lack of lumber; the Soviets had promised a supply but did not deliver it. Because of the cancellation of the order, the shipyard suffered financially. The Soviets refused to accept other ships from the yard in the future and complained of inferior construction in the ships they had received. Finally, the financial matter was handed to the North Korean Industry Bureau, which made a settlement with the Soviet naval authorities.

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- In 1948 the North Korean government began a two-year program to enlarge the shipyards in order to build vessels for the North Korean navy. Before the Korean war two cargo ships of 800 and 1,500 tons respectively were under construction. During 1948, about 15 Soviet naval vessels were repaired in these yards along with some Korean fishing boats.
5. The director of the agency for the Soviet-Far Eastern Trading Company in Wonsan, Borisov, age 45, placed an order for 30 flat cargo barges from 40 to 60 tons with the Wonsan Shipyards in 1948. Andreu, a Soviet technician in the yards, said they were to be used in the Kuril Islands. Only 18 boats were delivered because of a lack of material, and even those 18 were unusable.
6. CHONG Kuk-mo, former manager of the yard during the period of the Soviet contract, was relieved of his position and went to work in a textile mill in Pyongyang in January 1948. In February 1948 he was arrested and sentenced to 17 years imprisonment by the People's Court of Pyongyang, but he was acquitted upon appeal to a higher court. HONG Un-pyo (洪恩杓), inspection and construction section chief, was arrested in 1948 and sentenced to eight years imprisonment on charges of negligence and inefficiency.
7. In November 1946 less than 20 percent of the shipyard workers were NKLP members. In 1947 the authorities announced a proposed cut of 500 workers, and the non-Communists, afraid of unemployment, joined the party. The Communists held indoctrination classes and reading clubs two or three times a week among the employees.
8. Statistics concerning the first division of the shipyard were as follows:

<u>Building</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Area</u> (square meters)
Lumber mill	wooden	450
Iron foundries (2)	cement	5,500
Welding shops (2)	brick	6,000
Pattern shop	cement, 2 floors	200
Nail shop	wooden	180
Casting shop	wooden	180
Warehouse	cement, 2 floors	350
Hospital	cement, 3 floors	200
Offices (2)	cement, 2 floors	500
Mess hall	wooden	180
Yard space, 7 ship construction areas		16,000

9. Statistics concerning the second division of the shipyard were as follows:

<u>Building</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Area</u> (square meters)
Lumber mill	wooden	250
Iron foundry	wooden	200
Pattern shop	cement	2,200
Welding shops (2)	cement	3,100
Drying room	cement	3,100
Drafting room	cement	3,100
Warehouses (2)	wooden	800
Office	wooden	250
Auditorium	wooden	1,000
Mess hall	wooden	100
Dormitory	cement	250
Dormitory	cement, 2 floors	200
Yard space, 10 ship construction areas		55,000

Encl: 1 diagram of Wonsan shipbuilding yards